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REMARKS

Applicant's representative thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the recent telephonic interview. During the interview the status of the claims of the instant application were discussed. In particular, it was discussed that upon review of the pending claims by a pre-appeal review board, it was determined that claims 1-5 and 10 were all allowable, pending the results of further search, and that claim 9 was objected to, pending further search. The rejection of claims 6, 8 and 11 was maintained by the pre-appeal board.

Based on the suggestion of the Examiner and to expedite issuance of a patent and without acquiescing as to the merits of the rejection to claims 6, 8 and 11, Applicant hereby cancels claims 6, 8 and 11 from the present application. Claim 10 is also canceled. Applicant hereby expressly reserves the right to re-file claims 6, 8, 10 and 11, as well as all previously canceled subject matter, in a further application, e.g., a continuation application.

In view of the amendments and remarks above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance with at least claims 1-5 and such action is hereby solicited.

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